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Richard W. Story, CECd, FM

TO: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Peter J. Rogers, Jr.
Chair Incentives Committee 

RE: Testimony Council Resolution _____-2007

DATE: February 12, 2007

Testimony in support of Council Resolution _____-2007, endorsing the financing by the State Department of Business and Economic Development for an economic development project in Howard County and certifying that this project is consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

The Administration supports and urges the passage of Council Resolution _____-2007, which is related to assisting businesses as they expand or locate in Howard County, Maryland. The bill is being submitted to the Council pursuant to Article 83A, Sections 5-1401 through 5-1411 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act"), which requires that the County approve a resolution endorsing the financial assistance being given by the Department for the projects described in the Resolution.

The project is as follows:

- A \$3,300,000 MEDAAF Conditional Loan to Merkle Direct Marketing, Inc. for the construction of a 120,000 square foot Class A office building in the Columbia Gateway Business Park in Howard County, which will serve as the company's headquarters.

Please contact Richard Story at the Economic Development Authority if you have any questions.

cc: Ken Ulman, County Executive
Barbara Cook, County Solicitor
Richard Story, Economic Development Authority